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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 4148  
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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Kurate MAENO )  
Serial No. : 10/553,737 )  
Filed : October 20, 2005 )  
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International Serial No. : PCT/JP04/003357 )  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION, )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
DETECTING WATERMARK INFORMATION, )  
AND DOCUMENT CONTAINING WATERMARK )  
Attorney Ref. : SAT 223NP )

**PETITION  
FOR  
EXTENSION OF  
TIME**

May 8, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please extend the period for responding to the Office Action of December 8, 2008 by two months, and thus until May 8, 2009.

A remittance that includes the \$490 extension fee is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, though, any fees that may be needed can be charged to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

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